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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants  
 request that citation and examination of the following documents be made  
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20 States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0056185  
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 AC United States Patent No. 5,134,374  
 AD United States Patent No. 4,672,346  
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 AP European Application 0 619 499  
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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited during earlier PCT Examination.

Copies of References AL, AM, AN, AO, AP and AT are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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